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1. DURING COFFEE BREAK OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING YESTERDAY DEPT OFF (WARVARIV) MADE CASUAL REQUEST TO SEC GEN OF SOV NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, V. V. VAKHRUSCHEV TO BE INTRODUCED TO DR. GEORGIY SKOROV (USSR), WHOM DG MAHEU HAS RECENTLY APPOINTED, OVER STRONG US AND SOME OF ITS ALLIES OBJECTION, AS DIRECTOR OF UNESCO'S DEPT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES. VAKHRUSCHEV TOOK WARVARIV ASIDE TO TELL HIM " INTERESTING STORY" NAMELY, THAT SKOROV IS NOT HERE AND IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL (OCHEN NEVEREYATNO) THAT HE WILL EVER COME TO PARIS TO TAKE UNESCO JOB.

2. VAKHRUSCHEV THEN WENT ON TELL HIS " INTERESTING STORY" WHICH GOES AS FOLLOWS: WHILE SEARCHING FOR CANDIDATES FOR ABOVE POST, DG MAHEU WAS ASSURED BY CHAIRMAN OF SOV NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO AND USSR DEPFONMIN (SMIRNOV) THAT SKOROV IS AVAILABLE FOR UNESCO JOB. WHEN OFFER OF APPOINTMENT WAS SENT TO SKOROV LAST MONTH, HIS BOSS, INOZEMTSEV, DIRECTOR
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OF MOSCOW INSTITUTE OF WORLD ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, VIRGOROUSLY PROTESTED ON GROUNDS THAT HE NEEDS SKOROV IN MOSCOW. VAKHRUSCHEV ADDED THAT SKOROV WAS RECENTLY PROMOTED TO " HIGHER RESPONSIBILITIES" AT ABOVE INSTIMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE RECLASSIFICA- TIONS BUT ONLY EIGHT OF THE FOURTEEN NOMINATED POSTS WERE INCLUDED IN THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL; IN ADDITION, THEY PROPOSED THE DELETION OF THREE EXISTING POSTS. THE POSTS INCLUDED IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THOSE NOT INCLUDED, ARE LISTED AT ANNEX. AT ITS MEETING ON 20 TH DECEMBER THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOW FURTHER TIME FOR REFLECTION. THIS REMAINS THE PRINCIPAL UN- RESOLVED ITEM IN THE 1973 BUDGET.

"2. FIRST OF ALL, MAY I MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF RE- OPENING THE OVERALL FINANCIAL CEILING WHICH HAS BEEN AGREED, NOR AM I QUESTIONING THE NEED FOR STRICT ECONOMY ON THE PERSONNEL SIDE OF THE BUDGET. I AM NOT THERE- FORE PRESSING FOR THE 34 POSTS IN MY ORIGINAL ESTABLISHMENT PROPOSALS. ON THE OTHER HAND, I SHARE THE FIRM CONVICTIONS OF MY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE DO NOT REPRESENT AN ESTAB- LISHMENT ADEQUATE TO MEET THE WORKLOAD IN THEIR DIVISIONS. THIS MEANS THAT WITH THE BEST WILL IN THE WORLD, THE INTER- NATIONAL STAFF WILL NOT IN 1973 BE IN A POSITION TO MEET THE FULL RANGE OF TASKS WHICH FACE THEM; THERE WILL BE SOME INEVITABLE REDUCTION IN THE SUPPORT WHICH THEY ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE FOR PROGRAMMES AND COMMITTEES, AND SOME SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE ENFORCED.

"3. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS, I MUST ASK THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY EISH TO ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT POSTS ONLY, OR TO APPROVE THE FULL FOURTEEN POSTS WHICH I CONSIDER TO BE AN ESSENTIAL MINIMUM. IN EITHER CASE, I MUST ASK FOR RETENTION OF THE A.4 SYSTEMS ANALYST POST IN THE DEFENCE PLANNING AND CONFIDENTIAL

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POLICY DIVISION. AT PRESENT THIS IS UNFILLED OWING TO RECRUIT- ING DIFFICULTIES, BUT IT IS NOW INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO BRING THIS SECTION OF THE STAFF UP TO STRENGTH.

"4. IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO DECIDE AGAINST THE ADDITIONAL SIX POSTS, FOR WHICH I HAVE ASKED, A PROBLEM OF PRIORITIES WILL ARISE. OF THE EIGHT POSTS RECOMMENDED BY THE CIVIL BUDGET

COMMITTEE, THE FOUR FOR THE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY UNIT AND THE TWO TRANSLATORS WOULD HEAD THE LIST OF PRIORITIES. THE REMAINING AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL EXPERT AND THE FILM CUTTER ARE BOTH NECESSARY - AND THE LOSS OF THE LATTER POST WOULD ENTAIL THE DISMISSAL OF AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS FILLED THE GAP FOR THREE YEARS - BUT THEIR POSTS WOULD HAVE TO BE WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE AGAINST OTHER PERHAPS MORE PRESSING NEEDS. INDEED, TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED AND PROPER FUNCTIONING OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF UNDER THESE CONDITIONS I SHOULD NEED TO CONSIDER THE REDISTRIBUTION OF POSTS WITHIN THE TOTAL APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIES OF THE WORK PROGRAMME.

"5. I FEEL THAT AT THE ROOT OF THE DIFFICULTIES OVER THE APPROVAL OF THE 1973 BUDGET IS THE DIFFERING INTERPRETATION PLACED BY THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE ADMINISTRATION ON THEIR RESPECTIVE FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES
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